UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK In re

SEARS HOLDING CORPORATION, et al.,

NOTICE OF MOTION

Case No.: 18-23538 RDD

Debtor ----X

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, upon the annexed Declaration of Kenneth E. Mangano and the exhibits annexed thereto, and upon all pleadings and proceedings heretofore had herein, claimants, SONIA VARGAS ("VARGAS") will move this Court before the Honorable Justice Robert D. Drain at the United States District Court for the Southern District, located at 300 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY 10601, on February 22, 2023 at 2:00 p.m., for an Order, pursuant to the provisions of 11 U.S.C. Section 362, Local Bankruptcy Rules of the United States District Court, Southern District, lifting the automatic stay of his personal injury action against Debtor, SEARS HOLDING CORPORATION, et al., now pending in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Suffolk, together with such other and further relief as this Court deems just, equitable and proper.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that answering papers shall be served by February 15, 2023.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that reply papers, if any, shall be served by February 20, 2023.

DATED:

HAUPPAUGE, NEW YORK

January 12, 2023

Respectfully submitted, Ferro, Kuba, Mangano, P.C.,

Kenneth E. Mangano, Esq.

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Chapter 11
Case No.: 18-23538 RDD

## **MOTION- DECLARATION TO LIFT AUTOMATIC STAY**

Pursuant to the provisions of 11 U.S.C. Section 362, Local Bankruptcy Rules of the United States District Court, Southern District, SONIA VARGAS ("VARGAS") respectfully moves this Honorable Court for an Order lifting the automatic stay of her personal injury action against Debtor, SEARS HOLDING CORPORATION, ("SEARS") now pending in the Supreme Court of the State of Suffolk, captioned *SONIA VARGAS vs. KMART CORPORATION, ELIAS PROPERTIES BABYLON, LLC AND GREG GEIGER'S LANDSCAPING AND SNOW REMOVAL*, and bearing index number 611547/17 ("the state court action"). KMART CORPORATION is a subsidiary company of SEARS HOLDING CORPORATION. In support of this motion, VARGAS states by her attorneys FERRO, KUBA, MANGANO PC, by KENNETH E. MANGANO, that SEARS, via KMART, has insurance coverage in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 which is available to cover plaintiff's claims in the State Court action, and that relief from the stay will not prejudicially impact the debtor or the bankruptcy estate, as VARGAS will limit any recovery against SEARS and KMART in the state court action to the foregoing available insurance coverage.

## RELEVANT BACKGROUND FACTS

The Supreme Court action is one for serious and permanent personal injuries sustained on February 23, 2015 by the plaintiff, SONIA VARGAS who was on the premise of 1000 Montauk Highway, West Babylon, New York 11704, which was owned by Elias Properties Babylon and leased by KMART CORPORATION. The Supreme Court action was commenced by electronic filing on June 20, 2017 (a copy of the e-filed Summons and Complaint in the State Court action is annexed hereto as **Exhibit "A"**). After proceeding with litigation and the discovery process for over a year, this office was informed on October 17, 2018 by counsel for KMART in the State Court action that the Supreme Court action was automatically stayed when debtor, SEARS filed its voluntary Petition for Bankruptcy pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 362 on October 15, 2018. A copy of the Petition and Automatic Stay is annexed hereto as **Exhibit "B"**.

At the time of the accident, KMART was insured under an insurance policy issued by Sedgwick Claims Management Services Inc., with limits of \$5,000,000.00 for each loss. Annexed hereto as Exhibit "C" is the disclosure received from counsel for KMART. VARGAS agrees to pursue only the foregoing available insurance coverage of KMART and will not pursue or be entitled to recovery from the debtor's estate or personal assets thereof to the extent that any judgment, assessment, and/or recovery against KMART or SEARS in the State Action exceeds said available coverage. In the event a judgment, assessment, and/or recovery is entered or obtained in favor of VARGAS in the State Court action, VARGAS agrees and shall recover from KMART only from and up to the policy limits of said policy's proceeds in satisfaction of any judgment, assessment, and/or recovery against VARGAS in the State Court action; nor shall VARGAS attempt to enforce all or any part of said judgment, assessment, and/or recovery against KMART or SEARS in the State Court

action in excess of these policy limits of said policy's proceeds, or recover all or any part of said judgment, assessment, and/or recovery in the State Court action from the personal assets of KMART or SEARS. By reason of the foregoing, KMART'S total exposure is limited to the extent of these policy limits. For these reasons, and the judicial economy that will be served by reducing VARGAS'S claim to a liquidated sum, movants herein respectfully request that the Court lift the automatic stay with regard to the State Court action, and allow VARGAS to pursue her claims against KMART in the State Court action limited solely to obtaining a judgment, assessment, and/or recovery in the State Court action in an amount not in excess of the policy limits of the foregoing available insurance coverage and/or proceeds of said policy.

## **ARGUMENT**

U.S.C. Section 362(d)(1) provides that the "Court shall grant relief from the stay provided under subsection (a) of this section, such as terminating, annulling, modifying, or conditioning such stay for cause." Further, "actions which are only remotely related to the case under Title 11 or which involve the rights of third parties often will be permitted to proceed in another forum." 2 Collier on Bankruptcy Section 362.07[3]. The test for whether a stay should be lifted to permit state court actions to proceed involves consideration of the following factors: (a) whether great prejudice to either the bankruptcy estate or the debtor will result from the continuation of the state proceedings; (b) whether the hardship to the non-bankrupt party by maintenance of the stay considerably outweighs the hardship to the debtor of permitting proceedings to go forward; and (c) whether the non-debtor party has a likelihood of prevailing on the merits. See, In Re Pro Football Weekly, Inc., 60 B.R. 824, 826 (D. N.E. III. 1986); In Re Salisbury, 123 B.R. 913,915 (S.D. Ala. 1990); In Re Bock Laundry Machine Co., 37 B.R. 564,566 (Bankr. N.D. Ohio 1984). Here each of these factors favors VARGAS. In

addition, "a decision to lift the stay is not an adjudication of the validity or avoidability of the claim, but [rather, a decision to lift the stay is merely] a determination that [their] claim is sufficiently plausible to allow its prosecution elsewhere." Grella v. Salem Five Cent Savings Bank, 42 F.3d 26,34 (1994).

In the first instance, continuation of VARGAS'S claims in the State Court action will not result in any prejudice or hardship to the debtor or the bankruptcy estate. It will not diminish the estate of the debtor because the debtor's \$5,000,000.00 of available insurance covers both the defense of the claim and covered damages.

On the other hand, VARGAS has already suffered significant harm and physical injury as a result of the debtor's alleged negligence and will be further prejudiced by awaiting resolution of the debtor's bankruptcy petition before proceeding for recovery against the foregoing insurance available to debtor. Furthermore, the rights and responsibilities of the non-debtor defendants in the Supreme Court action can be adjudicated therein but would not be addressed in the Bankruptcy forum. Therefore, since the relief from the stay will have no effect on the bankruptcy estate, VARGAS'S application should be granted.

In addition, resolving the personal injury action will have the added advantage of quantifying or liquidating VARGAS'S claims. To the extent that any verdict or judgment against KMART in the state court action exceeds KMART'S available insurance coverage, VARGAS agrees not to pursue KMART'S or SEAR'S personal estate or assets. Therefore, there could be no prejudice to the debtor by lifting the stay. There is irreparable prejudice to VARGAS on the other hand, if she is denied her right to pursue her claims of serious injuries in the state court action. Finally, KMART nor SEARS

has any equity in the subject insurance policy, and thus the policy is not needed for an effective reorganization.

Wherefore, VARGAS respectfully request that this Honorable Court:

- 1. Grant this motion to lift the automatic stay;
- 2. Allow VARGAS to proceed with his personal injury and derivative claims action in state court against the debtor, KMART and SEARS;
- 3. Grant such other and further relief as this Court deems just and necessary.

DATED: Hauppauge, New York January 4, 2023

> Respectfully submitted, Ferro, Kuba, Mangano P.C.,

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# EXHIBIT A



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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW	YORK
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK	

Index No.:

SONIA VARGAS,

SUMMONS

Plaintiff,

Plaintiff designates Suffolk County as the place of trial.

-against-

The basis of venue is: Plaintiff's Residence

KMART CORPORATION, ELIAS PROPERTIES BABYLON, LLC and GREG GEIGER'S LANDSCAPING AND SNOW REMOVAL,

Plaintiff resides at: 1472 Denver Avenue Bay Shore, NY 11706

Defendants.

County of Suffolk

## To the above named Defendants:

You are hereby summoned to answer the complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the complaint is not served with this summons, to serve a notice of appearance on the Plaintiff's attorneys within twenty days after the service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service, where service is made by delivery upon you personally within the state, or, within 30 days after completion of service where service is made in any other manner. In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the complaint.

Dated: Hauppauge, New York June 19, 2017

Ferro, Kuba, Mangano, Sklyar, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff

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ELIAS PROPERTIES BABYLON, LLC 500 N. Broadway Jericho, New York 11753

Greg Geiger's Landscaping and Snow Removal 211 Handsome Avenue Sayville, NY 11782-2920 YSCEF DO**18-23538-shl** Doc 10777 Filed 01/12/23 Entered 01/12/23 11:26:22<sub>CE</sub> Main Pocument Pg 13 of 53

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF N COUNTY OF SUFFOLK	IEW YORK
SONIA VARGAS,	Index No.:
Plaintiff,	VERIFIED COMPLAINT
-against-	

Defendants.

AND SNOW REMOVAL,

KMART CORPORATION, ELIAS PROPERTIES

BABYLON, LLC and GREG GEIGER'S LANDSCAPING

Plaintiff, by his/her attorneys, Ferro, Kuba, Mangano, Sklyar, P.C., complaining of the Defendant, respectfully alleges, upon information and belief, as follows:

- 1. At the time of the commencement of this action, Plaintiff SONIA G. VARGAS, resided in the County of Suffolk, State of New York.
- 2. That the cause of action alleged herein arose in the County of Suffolk, City and State of New York.
- 3. At the time of the commencement of this action, the Defendant KMART CORPORATION was and still is a domestic corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York.
- 4. At the time of the commencement of this action, the Defendant KMART CORPORATION was and still is a foreign corporation duly authorized to do business in the State of New York.
- 5. At the time of commencement of this action, the Defendant ELIAS PROPERTIES BABYLON, LLC maintained its principal place of business in the County of Suffolk, State of New York.

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- 6. At the time of the commencement of this action, the Defendant ELIAS PROPERTIES BABYLON, LLC was and still is a domestic corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York.
- 7. At the time of the commencement of this action, the Defendant ELIAS PROPERTIES BABYLON, LLC was and still is a foreign corporation duly authorized to do business in the State of New York.
- 8. At the time of commencement of this action, the Defendant ELIAS PROPERTIES BABYLON, LLC maintained its principal place of business in the County of Suffolk, State of New York.
- 9. At the time of the commencement of this action, the Defendant GREG GEIGER'S LANDSCAPING AND SNOW REMOVAL was and still is a domestic corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of New York.
- 10. At the time of the commencement of this action, the Defendant GREG GEIGER'S LANDSCAPING AND SNOW REMOVAL was and still is a foreign corporation duly authorized to do business in the State of New York.
- 11. At the time of commencement of this action, the Defendant GREG GEIGER'S LANDSCAPING AND SNOW REMOVAL maintained its principal place of business in the County of Suffolk, State of New York.
- 12. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, a premises existed in the County of Suffolk, City and State of New York with the address of, 1000 Montauk Highway, West Babylon, New York 11704.
- 13. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, the aforesaid premises were owned by Defendant, KMART CORPORATION.

- 14. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, the aforesaid premises were operated by Defendant, KMART CORPORATION.
- 15. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, the aforesaid premises were maintained by Defendant, KMART CORPORATION.
- 16. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, the aforesaid premises were controlled by Defendant, KMART CORPORATION.
- 17. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, the aforesaid premises were repaired by Defendant, KMART CORPORATION.
- 18. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, the aforesaid premises were managed by Defendant, KMART CORPORATION.
- 19. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, it was the duty of Defendant, KMART CORPORATION to maintain the premises at 1000 Montauk Highway, West Babylon, New York 11704, in the County of Suffolk, State of New York, in a reasonably safe condition.
- 20. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, the aforesaid premises were owned by Defendant, ELIAS PROPERTIES BABYLON, LLC.
- 21. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, the aforesaid premises were operated by Defendant, ELIAS PROPERTIES BABYLON, LLC.
- 22. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, the aforesaid premises were maintained by Defendant, ELIAS PROPERTIES BABYLON, LLC.
- 23. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, the aforesaid premises were controlled by Defendant, ELIAS PROPERTIES BABYLON, LLC.
- 24. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, the aforesaid premises were repaired by Defendant, ELIAS PROPERTIES BABYLON, LLC.

- 25. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, the aforesaid premises were managed by Defendant, ELIAS PROPERTIES BABYLON, LLC.
- 26. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, it was the duty of Defendant, ELIAS PROPERTIES BABYLON, LLC to maintain the premises at 1000 Montauk Highway, West Babylon, New York 11704, in the County of Suffolk, State of New York, in a reasonably safe condition.
- 27. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, the aforesaid premises were owned by Defendant, GREG GEIGER'S LANDSCAPING AND SNOW REMOVAL.
- 28. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, the aforesaid premises were operated by Defendant, GREG GEIGER'S LANDSCAPING AND SNOW REMOVAL.
- 29. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, the aforesaid premises were maintained by Defendant, GREG GEIGER'S LANDSCAPING AND SNOW REMOVAL.
- 30. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, the aforesaid premises were controlled by Defendant, GREG GEIGER'S LANDSCAPING AND SNOW REMOVAL.
- 31. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, the aforesaid premises were repaired by Defendant, GREG GEIGER'S LANDSCAPING AND SNOW REMOVAL.
- 32. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, the aforesaid premises were managed by Defendant, GREG GEIGER'S LANDSCAPING AND SNOW REMOVAL.

- 33. On February 23, 2015, and at all times herein mentioned, it was the duty of Defendant, GREG GEIGER'S LANDSCAPING AND SNOW REMOVAL to maintain the premises at 1000 Montauk Highway, West Babylon, New York 11704, in the County of Suffolk, State of New York, in a reasonably safe condition.
- 34. On February 23, 2015, Plaintiff SONIA G. VARGAS was lawfully on the aforesaid premises.
- 35. On February 23, 2015, Plaintiff SONIA G. VARGAS was a lawful pedestrian at the above-mentioned location.
- 36. On February 23, 2015, while Plaintiff was lawfully at the aforesaid location, Plaintiff was caused to slip and/or trip and fall and sustain severe and permanent injuries.
- 37. The above mentioned occurrence and the results thereof were caused by the negligence of Defendants and/or said Defendant's servants, agents, employees and/or licensees in the ownership, operation, management, maintenance and control of the receiving area in the rear of the subject building, more specifically near the gas area; Defendants were careless, reckless, and negligent in the care and maintenance of the receiving area in the rear of the subject building, more specifically near the gas area in that they negligently failed to clear, sand or otherwise remove the ice and snow from said area; in failing to apply sand, salt, or any deicing agent to the aforesaid area to treat ice conditions; that they knew or should have known that the ice and snow was potentially dangerous; in acting with reckless disregard for the safety of others in failing to provide an alternate pathway and/or walkway which was clear of ice and snow, in causing, allowing and permitting said area at the place above-mentioned to be, become and remain for a period of time after notice, either actual or constructive, in a broken, defective, cracked, uneven, irregular, unlevel, slippery, dangerous and/or hazardous condition existing thereat; in causing, allowing and permitting a trap to exist at said location; in failing to maintain the

aforesaid area in a reasonably safe and proper condition in causing, allowing and permitting an obstruction to Plaintiff's safe passage at said location; in causing allowing and permitting the existence of a condition which constituted a trap nuisance, menace and danger to lawful pedestrians; in failing to have taken necessary steps and measures to have prevented the above mentioned location from being used while in said dangerous conditions; in failing to give Plaintiff adequate and timely signal, notice or warning of said condition; in negligently and carelessly causing and permitting the above aforesaid area to be and remain in said condition for an unreasonable length of time, resulting in a hazard to Plaintiff and other; in failing to take suitable and proper precautions for the safety of persons on and using aforesaid area.

- 38. That, upon information and belief, Defendants KMART CORPORATION, ELIAS PROPERTIES BABYLON, LLC and Greg Geiger's Landscaping and Snow Removal had actual and constructive notice of this defective condition.
- 39. That no negligence on the part of the Plaintiff contributed to the occurrence alleged herein in any manner whatsoever.
- 40. That because of the above stated premises, Plaintiff Sonia G. Vargas was caused to sustain serious injuries and to have suffered pain, shock, mental anguish; that these injuries and their effects will be permanent; and as a result of said injuries Plaintiff has been caused to incur, and will continue to incur, expenses for medical care and attention; and, as a further result, Plaintiff was, and will continue to be, rendered unable to perform Plaintiff's normal activities and duties and has sustained a resultant loss therefrom.
- 41. That by reason of the foregoing, Plaintiff, SONIA G. VARGAS was damaged in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional limits of the lower courts.

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WHEREFORE, Plaintiff SONIA G. VARGAS demands judgment against the Defendants in an amount in excess of the jurisdictional limits of the lower courts, together with costs and disbursements of this action.

Yours, etc.

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STATE OF NEW YORK )

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK )

Michael N. Manolakis, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That deponent is the attorney for the plaintiff in the action within; that deponent has read the foregoing SUMMONS and COMPLAINT and knows the contents thereof; that the same is true to deponent's own knowledge except as to the matters therein stated to be alleged upon information and belief, and as to those matters deponent believes it to be true and the reason that this verification is not made by plaintiff and is made by deponent is that plaintiff(s) is/are not presently in the county where the attorneys for the plaintiff have their office.

Deponent further says that the source of deponent's information and the grounds of deponent's belief as to all matters not stated upon deponent's knowledge are from investigations made on behalf of said plaintiff.

MICHAEL N. MANOLAKIS, ISQ.

# EXHIBIT B

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF SUFFOLK	
COUNTY OF SUFFOLK	
SONIA VARGAS,	
Plaintiff,	INDE
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-against-

KMART CORPORATION, ELIAS PROPERTIES BABYLON, LLC and GREG GEIGER'S LANDSCAPING AND SNOW REMOVAL,

Defendants.

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NOTICE OF BANKRUPTCY FILING AND IMPOSITION OF AUTOMATIC STAY

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on October 15, 2018, (the "Commencement Date"), Sears Holdings Corporation and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the "Debtors") each commenced a voluntary case (the "Chapter 11 Cases") under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (11 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.) (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court"). The Chapter 11 Cases are being jointly administered under Case No. 18-23538 (RDD) (the "Bankruptcy Cases"). A copy of the applicable Sears, Roebuck and Co. chapter 11 petition is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

PLEASE BE ADVISED that pursuant to section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code (the "Automatic Stay"), the filing of a bankruptcy petition "operates as a stay, applicable to all entities," of, among other things "the commencement or continuation, including the issuance or employment of process, of a judicial, administrative, or other action or proceeding against the debtor that was or could have been commenced before the commencement of the case under [the Bankruptcy Code], or to recover a claim

against the debtor that arose before the commencement of the [bankruptcy] case" and "any act to obtain possession of property of the estate or of property from the estate or to exercise control over property of the estate." 11 U.S.C. § 362(a)(1), (3). Accordingly, the above-captioned matter has been automatically stayed pursuant to section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

PLEASE BE FURTHER ADVISED that any action taken against the Debtors without obtaining, from the Bankruptcy Court, relief from the Automatic Stay is void ab initio and may result in a finding of contempt for violation of the Automatic Stay. The Debtors reserve and retain their statutory right to seek relief in the Bankruptcy Court from any action by Plaintiff(s) or any judgment, order, or ruling entered in violation of the Automatic Stay.

In the event the Court or any parties have questions regarding the Chapter 11 Cases, please contact counsel for the Debtors:

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Dated: October 17, 2018

By: Charles T. Glaws

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## AFFIRMATION OF SERVICE VIA E-FILING AND MAIL

STATE OF NEW YORK )
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Charles T. Glaws, an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of New York affirms and says: I am not a party to this action, I am over eighteen (18) years of age, and I am a resident of the State of New Jersey. On October 17, 2018, I served the within NOTICE OF BANKRUPTCY FILING AND IMPOSITION OF AUTOMATIC STAY by depositing a true copy in a post-paid wrapper, in an official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within New York State, addressed to each of the following persons at the last known address set forth after each name below:

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## Official Form 201

## Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write the debtor's name and the case number (if known). For more information, a separate document, instructions for Bankruptcy Forms for Non-individuals, is available.

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•	Debtor's fe Identification	deral Employer on Number (EIN)	36-175068	30			
ı	Debtor's address	Principal place of			Malling address,	if different from prin	cipal place of busines
		3333 Number	Beverly Roa	d	Number	Street	(0-1)-10-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-11-
		W			P.O. Box		
		Hoffman Estates	Illinois	60179			
		City	State	ZIP Code	City Location of princ of business	Slate Ipal assets, if differe	ZIP Code ont from principal plac
		Cook County					
		Counly			Number	Street	111111111111111111111111111111111111111
					City	Slate	ZIP Code
	Debtor's w	ebsite (URL)	www.sear	sholdings.com			
<b>,</b>	Type of de	btor		shlp (excluding LLP)	oillly Company (LLC) and Lir	niled Liability Partners	ship (LLP))

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		A. Check one:
<ol> <li>Describe debtor's business</li> </ol>		
		☐ Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A))
		☐ Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B))
		Rallroad (as defined in 11 U.S.C, § 101(44))
		☐ Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A))
		Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6))
		☐ Clearing Bank (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 781(3))  None of the above Retail
		B. Check all that apply:
		***
		<ul> <li>Tax- entity (as described in 26 U.S.C. § 501)</li> <li>Investment company, including hedge fund or pooled investment vehicle (as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 80a-3)</li> <li>Investment advisor (as defined in 15 U.S.C. § 80b-2(a)(11))</li> </ul>
		C. NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) 4-digit code that best describes debtor. See <a href="http://www.uscourja.gov/four-digit-national-association-naics-codes">http://www.uscourja.gov/four-digit-national-association-naics-codes</a> .
		SIC Code 5311 (NAICS Code 4521)
	Under which abouter of the	Check one:
. Under which chapter of the Bankruptcy Code is the debtor filing?	☐ Chapter 7	
	☐ Chapter 9	
	•	☑ Chapter 11, Check all that apply:
		Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affillates) are less than \$2,566,050 (amount subject to adjustment
		on 4/01/19 and every 3 years after that).
		The debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). If the debtor is a small business debtor, attach the most recent balance sheet, statement of operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if all of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure in 11 U.S.C. §
		1116(1)(B).
		A plan is being filed with this petition.
		<ul> <li>Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b).</li> </ul>
		The debtor is required to file periodic reports (for example, 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission according to § 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. File the Attachment to Voluntary Petition for Non-Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy under Chapter 11 (Official Form 201A) with this form.
		☐ The debtor is a shell company as defined in the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Rule 12b-2.
		☐ Chapter 12
	Were prior bankruptcy cases	No No
	filed by or against the debtor within the last 8 years?	L; Yes District When Case number
	If more than 2 cases, attach a	MM/ DD/ YYYY
	separate list.	District When Case number
		MM / DD/ YYYY
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10. Are any bankruptcy cases pending or being filed by a business partner or an affiliate of the debtor?

> List all cases. If more than 1, attach a separate list.

D No

⊠ Yes Debtor See Schedule 2

When

See Schedule 2

District

See Schedule 2

Relationship

See Schedule 2

Case number, if known

MM / DD/ YYYY

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\$50,000,001-\$100 million

\$100,000,001-\$500 million

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\$10,000,000,001-\$50 billion

More than \$50 billion

\$100,001-\$500,000

\$500,001-\$1 million

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#### Request for Relief, Declaration, and Signatures

WARNING — Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime. Making a false statement in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

- Declaration and signature of authorized representative of debtor
- The debtor requests relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this pelition.
- I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.
- I have exemined the information in this petition and have a reasonable belief that the information is true and correct.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on October 15, 2018

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	×	/s/ Robert A. Riecker Signature of authorized representative of Chief Financial Officer Title		obert A. Riecker nied name
18. Signature of attorney	×	/s/ Jacqueline Marcus Signature of attorney for debtor Jacqueline Marcus Printed Name	Date	October 15, 2018 MM / DD / YYYY
		Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP Firm Name 767 Fifth Avenue Number Street		
		New York City	New York State	10153 ZIP Code
		(212) 310-8000 Contact phone	jacqueline.mar Email address	cus@weil.com
		1867748 Bar Number	New York State	

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## All Other Names Used By the Debtor or its Affiliates in the Last 8 Years

A&E Factory Service	Kmart Pharmacies of Minnesota, Inc.
Accents for Less	Kmart Pharmacies, Inc.
American Siding & Deck, Inc.	Kmart Properties, Inc.
American Windows & Sash, Inc.	Kmart Stores of Indiana, Inc.
Appliance Liquidators	Kmart Stores of TNCP, Inc.
Austin Technology Center	KMI, Inc.
Bath and Kitchen Elegance	Koolvent Aluminum Products, Inc.
Bath and Kitchen Elegance of the Desert	Kresge - Kmart Limited
Big Beaver of Caguas Development Corporation	Little Caesars
Big Beaver of Caguas Development Corporation II	Max Acquisition Delaware Inc.
Big Kmart	McKids
Big Kmart (#3680)	McKids The Store
Central Wholesale Appliance Supply, Inc.	McPhail's Appliances
Chantell Marketing	MetaScale Technologies India Private Limited
Circle of Beauty Inc.	Monark
Delver	Monark Holdings Inc.
Delver.com	Monark of California
Designer Depot	Monark Premium Appliance Co.
Eblon Technologies India Private Limited	Monark Premium Appliance Co. of Arizona
Evoke Productions	Monark Premium Appliance Co. of California
FitStudio by Sears	MXSV, Inc.
Florida Builder Appliances, Inc.	NTB - National Tire and Battery
Garment Rack	NTB-National Tire & Battery
	PMB, Inc.
HDC Holding Company of Delaware, Inc.	Prairie Buck I, Inc.
HO. Tampa Development Co.	Prairie Buck II, Inc.
HO, Tysons Office Investment Co.	
ILJ, Inc.	Private Brands, Ltd.
JAF, Inc.	Relay LLC
KC Kelley Group	San Diego Appliance Sales
Kenmore Direct	Sears #1204
Kids Stockroom	Sears #1284
Kmart	Sears Acquisition Corp.
Kmart Acquisition Corp.	Scars Auto Center
Kmart Apparel Corp.	Sears Auto Center #6582
Kmart Apparel Fashions Corp.	Sears Auto Centers
Kmart Apparel Leasing Corp.	Sears Carpet and Upholstery Care, Inc.
Kmart Apparel Service of Atlanta Corp.	Sears Essentials
Kmart Apparel Service of Des Plaines Corp.	Sears Grand
Kmart Apparel Service of Sunnyvale Corp.	Sears Grand #1673
Kmart Corporation	Sears Holdings Management Corporation
Kmart Enterprises, Inc.	Sears Home Appliance Showrooms
Kmart Far East Limited	Sears Home Improvement Products (South), Inc.
Kmart Financing 1	Sears Home Services
Kmart Global Sourcing Ltd.	Sears Home&Life
Kmart Holding Company	Sears Lessee Operations, LLC
Kmart Holdings, Inc.	Sears Logistics Services
Kmart Lessee Operations, LLC	Sears Logistics Services, Inc.
Kmart Management Corporation	Sears Merchandise Group
Kmart Michigan Property Services, L.L.C.	Sears Merchandise Group, Inc.
Kmart of Amsterdam, NY Distribution Center, Inc.	Sears New York Insurance Agency
Kmart of Pennsylvania LP	Scars Oklahoma Insurance Agency

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Sears Protection Company Inc.	The
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Sears Technology Services LLC	Tìre
Sears, Roebuck de Mexico, S.A. de C.V.	Tri-\
Sears Wishhook Inc.	Troy
ServiceLive Direct	West
SHMC, Inc.	West
Shop Your Way Local, LLC	West
shopyourway.com	West
Sourcing and Technical Services, Inc.	West
SRC O.P. L.L.C	Wes
SRC Real Estate (TX), LLC	Cont
Standards of Excellence	Sear
Standards of Excellence Outlet Store	Print
Super K	Print
Super Kmart	Rola
SUPER KMART CENTER	Shor
Super Kmart Center	Sear
Texas Bluelight.com Inc.	Scar

The Annexx Restaurant
The Great Indoors
Tire Property Holding, Inc.
Tri-Valley Crossings
Troy CMBS Property, L.L.C.
Westar Kitchen & Bath LLC
Westar Kitchen and Bath
Westar Kitchen and Bath, LLC
Western Bluelight.com LLC
WestStar Kitchen and Bath
WestStar Kitchen and Bath LLC
Continental Carpet Cleaning, Inc.
Sears Carpet and Upholstery Care, Inc.
Print Procurement Company, LLC
Print Production Company, LLC
Rolay LLC
Shop Your Way Local, LLC
Sears New York Insurance Agency
Scars Oklahoma Insurance Agency

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### Schedule 2

## Pending Bankruptey Cases Filed by the Debtor and Affiliates of the Debtor

On the date hereof, each of the affiliated entities listed below, including the debtor in this chapter 11 case, filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court"). A motion will be filed with the Court requesting that the chapter 11 cases of the entities listed below be consolidated for procedural purposes only and jointly administered, pursuant to Rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, under the under the case number assigned to the chapter 11 case of Sears Holdings Corporation.

COMPANY	CASE NUMBER	DATE FILED	DISTRICT	JUDGE
Sears, Roebuck and Co.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y,	Pending
Sears Holdings Corporation	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Kmart Holding Corporation	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Kmart Operations LLC	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Operations LLC	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
ServiceLive, Inc.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
A&E Factory Service, LLC	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
A&E Home Delivery, LLC	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
A&E Lawn & Garden, LLC	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
A&E Signature Service, LLC	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
FBA Holdings Inc.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Innovel Solutions, Inc.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Kmart Corporation	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
MaxServ, Inc.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Private Brands, Ltd.	18()	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Scars Development Co.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Holdings Management Corporation	18()	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Home & Business Franchises, Inc.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Home Improvement Products, Inc.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Insurance Services, L.L.C.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Procurement Services, Inc.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Protection Company	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Protection Company (PR) Inc.	18()	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears, Roebuck de Puerto Rico, Inc.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending

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## Pending Bankruptcy Cases Filed by the Debtor and Affiliates of the Debtor

COMPANY	CASE NUMBER	DATE FILED	DISTRICT	JUDGE
SYW Relay LLC	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Wally Labs LLC	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Big Beaver of Florida Development, LLC	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
California Builder Appliances, Inc.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Florida Builder Appliances, Inc.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
KBL Holding Inc.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
KLC, Inc.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Kmart of Michigan, Inc.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Kmart of Washington LLC	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Kmart Stores of Illinois LLC	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Kmart Stores of Texas LLC	18()	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
MyGofer LLC	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Brands Business Unit Corporation	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Holdings Publishing Company, LLC	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Protection Company (Florida), L.L.C.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
SHC Desert Springs, LLC	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
SOE, Inc.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
StarWest, LLC	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
STI Merchandising, Inc.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Troy Coolidge No. 13, LLC	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
BlueLight.com, Inc.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Brands, L.L.C.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S,D,N,Y,	Pending
Sears Buying Services, Inc.	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Kmart.com LLC	18()	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending
Sears Brands Management Corporation	18( )	October 15, 2018	S.D.N.Y.	Pending

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ACTION BY
WRITTEN CONSENT OF
THE GOVERNING BODIES
OF

KMART HOLDING CORPORATION
KMART OPERATIONS LLC
SEARS OPERATIONS LLC
SEARS, ROEBUCK AND CO.
SERVICELIVE, INC.
A&E FACTORY SERVICE, LLC
A&E HOME DELIVERY, LLC
A&E LAWN & GARDEN, LLC
A&E SIGNATURE SERVICE, LLC
FBA HOLDINGS INC.
INNOVEL SOLUTIONS, INC.
KMART CORPORATION
MAXSERV, INC.

PRIVATE BRANDS, LTD. SEARS DEVELOPMENT CO.

SEARS DEVELOTMENT CO.

SEARS HOLDINGS MANAGEMENT CORPORATION SEARS HOME & BUSINESS FRANCHISES, INC.

SEARS HOME IMPROVEMENT PRODUCTS, INC.

SEARS INSURANCE SERVICES, L.L.C.

SEARS PROCUREMENT SERVICES, INC.

SEARS PROTECTION COMPANY

SEARS PROTECTION COMPANY (PR), INC.

SEARS ROEBUCK ACCEPTANCE CORP.

SEARS, ROEBUCK DE PUERTO RICO, INC.

SYW RELAY LLC WALLY LABS LLC

BIG BEAVER OF FLORIDA DEVELOPMENT, LLC CALIFORNIA BUILDER APPLIANCES, INC. FLORIDA BUILDER APPLIANCES, INC. KBL HOLDING INC.

KLC, INC.

KMART OF MICHIGAN, INC. KMART OF WASHINGTON LLC KMART STORES OF ILLINOIS LLC KMART STORES OF TEXAS LLC

MYGOFER LLC SEARS BRANDS BUSINESS UNIT CORPORATION

SEARS BRANDS BUSINESS UNIT CORPORATION SEARS HOLDINGS PUBLISHING COMPANY, LLC SEARS PROTECTION COMPANY (FLORIDA), L.L.C.

SHC DESERT SPRINGS, LLC SOE, INC.

STARWEST, LLC
STI MERCHANDISING, INC.
TROY COOLIDGE NO. 13, LLC
BLUELIGHT.COM, INC.
SEARS BRANDS, L.L.C.

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# SEARS BUYING SERVICES, INC. KMART.COM LLC SEARS BRANDS MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

October 14, 2018

The required members of the board of directors, the required managers, the sole member, the sole manager, or the sole director, as the case may be (as applicable, the "Governing Body"), of each of the entities referenced above (each, a "Company" and collectively, the "Companies"), do hereby consent to, adopt, and approve, by written consent in accordance with, as applicable, Section 141(f) of the Delaware General Corporation Law, Section 18-302(d) of the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, Section 708(b) of the New York Business Corporation Law, Section 525 of the Michigan Business Corporation Act, Section 608.4231 of the Florida Limited Liability Company Act, Section 15-1(d) of the Illinois Limited Liability Company Act, Section 6.201 of the Texas Business Organizations Code, Section 1727(b) of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law, and Section 8.45 of the Illinois Business Corporation Act of 1983 the following resolutions and each and every action effected thereby.

This consent may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original, and all of which shall constitute one and the same instrument.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of each Company has reviewed and had the opportunity to ask questions about the materials presented by the management and the legal and financial advisors of such Company regarding the liabilities and liquidity of such Company, the strategic alternatives available to it and the impact of the foregoing on such Company's businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of each Company has had the opportunity to consult with the management and the legal and financial advisors of such Company to fully consider each of the strategic alternatives available to such Company;

WHEREAS, the board of directors (the "Holdings Board") of Sears Holdings Corporation ("Holdings") has determined that it is desirable and in the best interests of Holdings, its creditors, and other parties in interest, for Holdings to file a petition seeking relief under the provisions of chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and to enter into, obtain loans and consummate the transactions under the DIP ABL Financing Documents, as a Borrower (in each case as defined below); and

WHEREAS, the Restructuring Committee of the Holdings Board has determined that it is desirable and in the best interests of Holdings, its creditors, and other parties in interest, to enter into, obtain loans and consummate the transactions under the Junior DIP Financing Documents, as a Borrower (in each case as defined below); and

WHEREAS, each Governing Body desires to approve the following resolutions.

### Commencement of Chapter 11 Case

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body has determined, after consultation with the management and the legal and financial advisors of such Company, that it is desirable and in the best interests of such Company, its creditors, and other parties in interest that a petition be filed by such Company seeking relief under the Bankruptcy Code; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that any officer of any of such Company or the sole manager of such Company, as applicable (each, an "Authorized Person"), in each case, acting singly or jointly, be, and each hereby is, authorized, empowered, and directed, with full power of delegation, to negotiate, execute, deliver, file and perform, in the name and on behalf of such Company, and under its corporate seal or otherwise, all petitions, schedules, motions, lists, applications, pleadings, orders and other documents (the "Chapter 11 Filings") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Bankruptcy Court") (with such changes therein and additions thereto as any such Authorized Person inay deem necessary, appropriate or advisable, the execution and delivery of any of the Chapter 11 Filings by any such Authorized Person with any changes thereto to be conclusive evidence that any such Authorized Person deemed such changes to meet such standard); and be it further

RESOLVED, that each Authorized Person, in each case, acting singly or jointly, be, and each hereby is, authorized, empowered, and directed, with full power of delegation, in the name and on behalf of the applicable Company, to take and perform any and all further acts and deeds that such Authorized Person deems necessary, appropriate, or desirable in connection with such Company's chapter 11 case (each, a "Chapter 11 Case") or the Chapter 11 Filings, including, without limitation, (i) the payment of fees, expenses and taxes such Authorized Person deems necessary, appropriate, or desirable, and (ii) negotiating, executing, delivering, performing and filing any and all additional documents, schedules, statements, lists, papers, agreements, certificates and/or instruments (or any amendments or modifications thereto) in connection with, or in furtherance of, such Company's Chapter 11 Case with a view to the successful prosecution of such Chapter 11 Case (such acts to be conclusive evidence that such Authorized Person deemed the same to meet such standard); and be it further

### Debtor-in-Possession Financing

RESOLVED, that in connection with the Chapter 11 Case, it is in the best interest of (i) in the case of each of Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. ("SRAC") and Kmart Corporation ("Kmart") to enter into and obtain loans and (ii) in the case of the Guarantors (as defined in the DIP ABL Term Sheet (as defined below)) to guarantee such loans, and consummate the transactions under that certain senior secured superpriority priming debtor-in-possession asset-based credit facility in an aggregate principal amount of \$1.875 billion (the "DIP ABL Loan"), representing an increase of \$300 million from the existing facility, on terms set forth on the term sheet attached hereto as Exhibit A (the "DIP ABL Term Sheet"), The DIP ABL Loan, will be evidenced by such Term Sheet, and upon entry of the final order approving, among other things, such Company's entry into the DIP ABL Loan, a senior secured superpriority priming debtor-in-possession asset-based credit agreement, in each case to be entered into by and among, Sears Roebuck Acceptance Corp. ("SRAC") and Kmart Corporation ("Kmart", together with SRAC, the "DIP ABL Borrowers"), and Holdings and the other Loan Parties (as defined in the DIP ABL Term Sheet (other than the DIP ABL Borrowers) as guarantors (the "Guarantors"), the lenders from time to time party thereto (the "DIP ABL Lenders"), and Bank of America, N.A., as administrative agent for the DIP ABL Lenders (in such capacity and together with its successors, the "DIP ABL Agent") (together with the Exhibits and Schedules annexed thereto, the "DIP ABL Loan Credit Agreement" and together with the DIP Loan Documents (as defined in the Dip ABL Loan Term Sheet), the "DIP ABL Financing Documents"), in each case subject to approval of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York which is necessary and appropriate to the conduct of the business of such Company; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the form, terms and provisions of (i) the DIP ABL Term Sheet, including the use of proceeds to provide liquidity for such Company throughout the Chapter 11 Case, substantially consistent with the DIP ABL Term Sheet, which has been presented to the Board and (ii) any and all of the other documents, agreements (including the DIP ABL Credit Agreement and the other DIP Loan Documents), including, without limitation, any guarantee and security agreement, letters,

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notices, certificates, documents and instruments authorized, executed, delivered, reaffirmed, verified and/or filed in connection with the DIP ABL Loan and the performance of obligations thereunder, including the borrowings, guarantees, granting of security and pledging of collateral contemplated thereunder, are hereby, in all respects confirmed, ratified and approved; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any Authorized Person is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, in the name and on behalf of such Company, to cause such Company to negotiate and approve the terms, provisions of and performance of, and to prepare, execute and deliver the DIP ABL Term Sheet and DIP ABL Credit Agreement, in the name and on behalf of such Company under its corporate seal or otherwise, and such other documents, agreements, instruments and certificates as may be required by the DIP ABL Agent or required by the DIP ABL Term Sheet, including the DIP ABL Credit Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that such Company be, and hereby is, authorized to incur the obligations and to undertake any and all related transactions contemplated under the DIP ABL Financing Documents including the borrowing and reborrowing of loans, guaranteeing of obligations of the Borrowers, granting of security thereunder and the pledging of collateral; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any Authorized Person is hereby authorized to grant security interests in, and liens on, any and all property of such Company as collateral pursuant to the DIP ABL Financing Documents to secure all of the obligations and liabilities of such Company thereunder to the respective lenders and agents under the DIP ABL Financing Documents, and to authorize, execute, verify, file and/or deliver to the DIP ABL Agent, on behalf of such Company, all agreements, documents and instruments required by the respective lenders and agents under the DIP ABL Financing Documents in connection with the foregoing; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any Authorized Person, in connection with the DIP Financing, be authorized, empowered, and directed to negotiate and obtain the use of cash collateral or other similar arrangements, including, without limitation, to enter into any guarantees and to pledge and grant liens on and security interests in any and all property of such Company as may be contemplated by or required under the terms of any cash collateral agreements or other similar arrangements entered into in connection with the DIP Financing, in such amounts as is reasonably necessary for the continuing conduct of the affairs of such Company in the Chapter 11 Case and any of such Company's affiliates who may also, concurrently with such Company's petition, file for relief under the Bankruptcy Code; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any Authorized Person is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, in the name and on behalf of such Company, to take all such further actions including, without limitation, to pay all fees and expenses, in accordance with the terms of the DIP ABL Financing Documents, which shall, in such Authorized Person's sole judgment, be necessary, proper or advisable to perform such Company's obligations under or in connection with the DIP ABL Term Sheet, DIP ABL Credit Agreement or any of the other DIP ABL Financing Documents and the transactions contemplated therein and to carry out fully the intent of the foregoing resolutions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that any Authorized Person is hereby authorized, empowered, and directed, in the name and on behalf of such Company, to execute and deliver any amendments, supplements, modifications, renewals, replacements, consolidations, substitutions and extensions of the DIP ABL Term Sheet, the DIP ABL Credit Agreement and/or any of the DIP ABL Financing Documents, in each case consistent with the DIP ABL Financing Documents, which shall, in such Authorized Person's sole judgment, be necessary, proper or advisable; and be it further

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### Retention of Advisors

RESOLVED, that the law firm of Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, located at 767 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10153, is hereby retained as attorneys for such Company in the Chapter 11 Case, subject to Bankruptcy Court approval; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the firm of M-III Advisory Partners, LP, located at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112, is hereby retained as financial advisor for such Company in the Chapter 11 Case, subject to Bankruptcy Court approval; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the firm of Lazard Freres & Company, located at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, NY 10112, is hereby retained as investment banker for such Company in the Chapter 11 Case, subject to Bankruptcy Court approval; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the firm of DLA Piper LLP, located at 500 Eighth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004, is hereby retained to provide such Company with additional real estate and advisory services in the Chapter 11 Case, subject to Bankruptcy Court approval; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the firm of Prime Clerk, located at 830 Third Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10022, is hereby retained as claims, noticing and solicitation agent for such Company in the Chapter 11 Case, subject to Bankruptcy Court approval; and be it further

RESOLVED, that, with respect to each Company, each Authorized Person, in each case, acting singly or jointly, be, and each hereby is, authorized, empowered, and directed, with full power of delegation, in the name and on behalf of such Company, to negotiate, execute, deliver, file and perform any agreement, document or certificate and to take and perform any and all further acts and deeds (including, without limitation, (i) the payment of any consideration and (ii) the payment of fees, expenses and taxes) that such Authorized Person deems necessary, proper, or desirable in connection with such Company's Chapter 11 Case, including, without limitation, negotiating, executing, delivering and performing any and all documents, agreements, certificates and/or instruments (or any amendments or modifications thereto) in connection with the engagement of professionals contemplated by these resolutions, with a view to the successful prosecution of the Chapter 11 Case; and be it further

#### Ratification

RESOLVED, that any and all past actions heretofore taken by any Authorized Officer, any director, or any member of each Company in the name and on behalf of the applicable Company in furtherance of any or all of the preceding resolutions be, and the same hereby are, ratified, confirmed, and approved in all respects.

RESOLVED, that, with respect to each Company, each Authorized Person, any one of whom may act without the joinder of any of the others, hereby is authorized in the name and on behalf of such Company, to take all such further actions, including, but not limited to, (i) the negotiation of such additional agreements, amendments, modifications, supplements, reports, documents, instruments, applications, notes or certificates not now known but which may be required, (ii) the execution, delivery and filing (if applicable) of any of the foregoing and (iii) the payment of all fees, consent payments, taxes and other expenses as any such Authorized Person, in his or her sole discretion, may approve or deem necessary, appropriate or desirable in order to carry out the intent and accomplish the purposes of the foregoing resolutions and the transactions contemplated thereby, all of such actions, executions, deliveries, filings and payments to be conclusive evidence of such approval or that such Authorized Person deemed the same to be so necessary, appropriate or desirable; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that any and all past actions heretofore taken by any Authorized Person, any director, or any member of any Company in the name and on behalf of such Company in furtherance of any or all of the preceding resolutions be, and the same hereby are, ratified, confirmed, and approved in all respects.

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Fill in this information to identify the case:	
Debtor name: Sears, Roebuck and Co.  United States Bankruptcy Court for the: Southern District of New (State Case number (If known):	

El Check if this is an amended filling

# Official Form 204

# Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 Cases: Consolidated List of Creditors Who Have the 20 Largest Unsecured Claims and Are Not Insiders

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A list of creditors holding the 20 largest unsecured claims must be filed in a Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 case. Include claims which the debtor disputes. Do not include claims by any person or entity who is an insider, as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(31). Also, do not include claims by secured creditors, unless the unsecured claim resulting from inadequate collateral value places the creditor among the holders of the 20 largest unsecured claims.

Name of creditor and complete mailing address, including tip code		Name, telephone number, and email address of creditor contact	Nature of the claim (for example, trade debts, bank loans, professional	Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquideced, or disputed	Amount of unsecured claim  If the claim is fully unsecured, fill in only unsecured claim amount, if claim is partially secured, fill in total claim amount and deduction for value of collateral or setoff to calculate unsecured claim.		
			services, and government contracts)				
4	The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Alth: Office of the Chief Counsel 1200 K Street, M W., Suite 300 Washington District of Columbia 20005	Attn: Office of the Chief Counsel Phene: 702-326-4110 Facsinite: 202-326-4114 kroail:	Pension Renefits		Total claim, if partially secured	Deduction for value of collateral or setoff	Unsecured claim Unknown
2	SRAC Medium Torm Notes c/o BNY Midwest frust Company Attn:: President or General Counsel 101 Barclay St., Floor BW, New York, New York 10286	Attniz President or General Counsel Phone: 312-294-5200 Facsimile: Fmail:	Unsecured Notes				\$7,311,800,000.00
3	Holdings Unsecured Notes (B.00%) c/o Computershare Trust Company, N.A. Attn.: President or General Counsel 250 Royal Street Canton, Massachusetts 02021	Alln.: President or General Counsel Phone.: 781-575-2000 Facsimile: 781-575-4210 Chrail.	Unsecured Notes				\$410,600,000 00
1	Holdings Unsecured PIK Notes (8.00%) c/o Computershare Trust Company, N.A. Atta.: President or General Counsel 250 Royal Street Canton, Massachusetts 02023	Attil: President or General Course! Phone: 781-575-2000 Facsimile: 781-575-4210 Fmail:	Unsecured Notes				\$222,600,000,00
5	SAAC Unsecuted Notes c/o The Chase Manhaltan Bank, N.A. Alla - Corporate Trust Department 4 Chase MetroTech Center, 3rd Floor Brooklyn, New York 11245	Attn., Corporate Frust Department Phone: Facsimile: Email:	Unsocured Nates			1	\$185,600,000,00
ţi.	SRAC Unsecured PIK Notes c/o BNY Midwest Trust Company Attn: President or General Counsel 101 Barclay Street, Floor BW New York, New York 10286	Atto.: President or General Counsel Phone: 312-294-5200 Tacsimile Email:	Unsecured Notes				\$107,900,000.00

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Debtor

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Name of creditor and complete mailing. address, including zip code		Name, telephone number, and email address of creditor contact	Nature of the claim (for example, trade debts, bank loans, professional services, and government contracts)	Indicate if claim is contingent, unliquidated, or disputed	Amount of unsecured claim if the claim is fully unsecured claim amount. If claim is partially secured, fill in total claim amount and deduction for value of collateral or setoff to calculate unsecured claim.		
			and a specific distribution of the specific d		Total claim, if partially secured	Deduction for value of colleteral or setoff	Unsecured claim
7	Whiripool Corporation Attn.: President or General Counsel 2000 North M-63 Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 269-923-5000 Facsimile: 269-923-3722 Email:	Trade Payable				\$23,409,729.0
В	Frigidaire Company c/o Electrolux Attn.: President or General Counsel P.O. Box 2638 Carol Stream, Illinois 60132-2638	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 786-388-6400 Facsimile: Email:	Trade Payable				\$18,617,186.0
9	Winia Daewoo Electronics America Attn.: President or General Counsel 65 Challenger Road, Suite 360 Ridgefield Park, New Jersey 07660	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 877-393-7823 Facsimile: Email:	Trade Payable				\$15,180,156.0
10	Cardinal Health Attn.: President or General Counsel 7000 Cardinal Place Oublin, Ohio 43017	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 614-757-5000 Facsimile: Email:	Trade Payablo				\$13,877,913.0
11	I toon Health and Fitness Inc. Attn.: President or General Counsel 1500 South 1000 West Logan, Utah 84321	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 877-993-7999 Facsimile: 435-750-5238 Email:	Trnde Payable				\$12,102,200.0
12	HK Greatstar Int'l Co. Ltd. Attn.: President or General Counsel Rm 35, 4/F., Po Ylp Building 23 Hing Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Konj	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 852 2110 4002 Facsimile: 852 3585 6687 Email:	Trade Payable				\$10,354,683.0
\$3);	Samsung Electronics America HA Atin.: President or General Counsel 85 Challenger Road, 7th Floor Ridgefield Park, New Jersey 07660	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 201-229-4000 Facsimile: 201-229-4029 Email:	Trade Payable				\$8,054,247.0
14	Apex Tool International LLC Attn.: President or General Counsel 910 Ridgebrook Road, Suite 200 Sparks, Maryland 21152	Attn: President or General Counsel Phone: 410-773-7800 Facsimile: 800-234-0472 Email:	Trade Payable				\$6,605,582.0
15	Black & Decker US Inc. c/o Stanley Black & Decker Attn.: President or General Counsel 1000 Stanley Drive New Britain, Connecticut 06053	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: Facsimile: Email:	Trade Payable				\$5,893,734.0
16	Eastern Prime Textile Limited Attn.: President or General Counsel Unit F10/F, King Win FTY Building No. 65-67 King Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowldon, Hong Kong	Attn: President or General Counsel Phone: 852 21918293 Facsimile: 852 27939353 Emall:	Trade Payable				\$5,761,992.0
17	Winners Industry Company Limited Attn: President or General Counsel Unit A, Wah Lung Building 49-53 Wang Lung Street, Tsuen wan, New Territories, Hong Kong	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 86 769 83213199 Facsimile: 86 769 83213177 Email:	Trade Payable				\$5,359,201 0

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Name of creditor and complete mailing address; including alpicode		Name, telephone number, and amail address of creditor contact	Nature of the claim (for example, trade debts, bank loans, professional services, and government contracts)	Indicate If claim is contingent, unifquidated, or disputed	claim amount a	illy unsecured, fill I claim is partially	in only unsecured secured, fill in total value of collateral or লা.
					Total claim, if partially socured	Deduction for value of collateral or solalf	Unsecured claim
18	Tata Consultancy Services Ltd. Attn.: President or General Counsel 379 Thornal Street, 4th Floor Edison, Naw Jersey 08837	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 732-590-2600 Fecsimile: Email:	Trada Payable				\$5,333,545.00
19	Active Media Services Inc. Attn.: President or General Counsel 1 Blue Hill Plaza Pearl River, New York 10965	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: 845-735-1700 Facsimile: 845-735-0717 Email:	Trade Payable				\$5,192,874.00
20	Automotive Rentels Inc. Attn.: President or General Counsel 4001 Leadenhalf Road Mount Laurel, New Jersey 08054-4611	Attn.: President or General Counsel Phone: Facsimile: Ernali:	Trade Payable				\$4,890,313.00

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Debtor name: Sears, Roebuck and Co.	
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Case number (If known):	

## Official Form 202

# Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury for Non-Individual Debtors

An individual who is authorized to act on behalf of a non-individual debtor, such as a corporation or partnership, must sign and submit this form for the schedules of assets and liabilities, any other document that requires a declaration that is not included in the document, and any amendments of those documents. This form must state the individual's position or relationship to the debtor, the identity of the document, and the date. Bankruptcy Rules 1008 and 9011.

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WARNING – Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

I am the president, another officer, or an authorized agent of the corporation; a member or an authorized agent of the

# Declaration and signature

have	ership; or another individual serving examined the information in the d nd correct:	as a representative of the debtor in this case.  ocuments checked below and I have a reasonable belief that the information is				
	Schedule A/B: Assets–Real and Personal Property (Official Form 206A/B)					
	Schedule D: Creditors Who Have	Claims Secured by Property (Official Form 206D)				
	Schedule E/F: Creditors Who Hav	e Unsecured Claims (Official Form 206E/F)				
	Schedule G: Executory Contracts	and Unexpired Leases (Official Form 206G)				
	Schedule H: Codebtors (Official F	orm 206H)				
	Summary of Assets and Liabilities	for Non-Individuals (Official Form 206Sum)				
	Amended Schedule					
Ø	Chapter 11 or Chapter 9 Cases: L (Official Form 204)	ist of Creditors Who Have the 20 Largest Unsecured Claims and Are Not Insiders				
	Other document that requires a de	eclaration				
l decla	are under penalty of perjury that the	e foregoing is true and correct.				
Execu	ited on October 15, 2018 MM / DD / YYYY	/s/ Robert A. Riecker Signature of Individual signing on behalf of debtor				
		Robert A. Riecker				
		Printed name				
		Chief Financial Officer				
		Position or relationship to debtor				

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Declaration Under Penalty of Perjury for Non-Individual Debtors

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# EXHIBIT C

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF SUFFOLK	
SONIA VARGAS,	
   Plaintiff,	INDEX No.: 611547/2017
-against-	RESPONSE TO OMNIBUS DISCOVERY DEMANDS
KMART CORPORATION, ELIAS PROPERTIES BABYLON, LLC and GREG GEIGER'S LANDSCAPING AND SNOW REMOVAL,	
Defendants.	

Defendant Kmart Corporation (hereinafter "Kmart" or "defendant"), by their attorneys Gruvman, Giordano & Glaws, LLP, hereby respond to Plaintiff's Demand for Discovery and Inspection, as follows:

## **GENERAL OBJECTIONS**

Each and every demand for discovery propounded by plaintiff(s) is responded to by defendant subject to the following general objections.

- 1. Answering defendants object to each and every demand to the extent it calls for the production of documents and/or information prepared for or generated in anticipation of litigation or which reflects attorney-client privileged or attorney workproduct materials or confidential communications.
- 2. Answering defendants object to each and every demand to the extent it seeks discovery of information not relevant to the issues in the litigation and not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence.
- 3. Answering defendants object to each and every demand to the extent it is vague or overly broad.
- 4. Answering defendants object to each and every demand to the extent it is burdensome or oppressive and that (a) it is repetitious of discovery already provided, (b) it seeks information already in plaintiffs possession or is known or readily available to the plaintiff from sources other than defendant, or (c) it is impossible to respond in any reasonable manner or amount of time.

- 5. Answering defendants object to each and every demand to the extent it seeks disclosure of opinions, mental impressions, conclusions or legal theories of defendant(s) or their representative.
- 6. Answering defendants object to each and every demand to the extent it requires production of documents or information beyond its custody, control or possession.
- 7. The documents produced in response are based on information adduced to date in connection with this action. Since discovery is not yet completed, the responses herein are not intended to be all-inclusive nor meant to imply the non-existence of other documents in support of the responses given.

# RESPONSES AND OBJECTIONS TO SPECIFIC REQUESTS

Subject to the foregoing general objections which are hereby incorporated by reference in each of the following responses, Defendants, by their attorneys *Gruvman*, *Giordano & Glaws*, *LLP*, respond as follows:

## **INSURANCE INFORMATION**

Sedgwick Claims Management Services Inc. administers the liability claims for defendant Kmart. The information on the policy is as follows: effective date of the applicable policy was August 01, 2014, administered by ACE with the limit of liability in the amount of five million dollars (\$5,000,000.00).

### LEASE AGREEMENT

Attached hereto as Exhibit "A," please find the lease agreement effective on the day of the subject incident. Also, please find attached hereto as Exhibit "B" a copy of the contract between Kmart Corporation and Greg Geiger's Landscaping and Snow Removal.

## WITNESSES

Defendants are unaware of any witnesses to the incident described in the Complaint, or to the plaintiff's subsequent injuries. Defendants will continue to perform a

diligent search for information responsive to this demand and will exchange the same

upon its discovery.

ACCIDENT/INCIDENT REPORTS

Defendants are not in possession of any accident or incident reports with regard

to the alleged occurrence.

**PARTY STATEMENTS:** 

Defendants are unaware of any statements made by any adverse party with regard

to the subject incident other than those that may be contained in the plaintiff's medical

records and/or reports.

PHOTOGRAPHS/VIDEO:

Attached hereto as Exhibit "C" please find a copy of a photograph of the subject

area.

**EXPERT INFORMATION:** 

Defendants have not yet retained an expert. If and when an expert is retained,

information regarding same will be provided pursuant to C.P.L.R. § 3101(d).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the defendants reserve the right to supplement,

modify and/or change the discovery information herein based upon receipt of any

additional information as well as continued investigation in this matter.

Dated:

New York, New York

May 15, 2018

Charles T. Glaws
GRUVMAN, GIORDANO & GLAWS, LLP
Attorneys for Defendant
Kmart Corporation
61 Broadway, Suite 2235
New York, New York 10006
(212) 269-2353

TO: FERRO, KUBA, MANGANO, SKLYAR, P.C. Attention: Michael N. Manoklakis, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff Sonia Vargas 321 Broadway, Suite 400 New York, New York 10004 (212) 244 – 7676 File No.: P15431-15

LAW OFFICE OF KEITH J. CONWAY Attention: Marjorie M. McAteer, Esq. Attorneys for Defendants Elias Properties Babylon, LLC 58 South Service Road, Suite 350 Melville, New York 11747 (212) 845-2600 F: (866) 947-4239

MAZZARA & SMALL, P.C. Attorneys for Defendant Geiger's Landscaping i/s/h/a Greg Geiger's Landscaping and Snow Removal 1698 Roosevelt Avenue Bohemia, New York 11716 (631) 360-0600

## AFFIRMATION OF SERVICE VIA MAIL

STATE OF NEW YORK )
) ss:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK )

Charles T. Glaws, an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of New York affirms under penalty of perjury and says: I am not a party to this action, I am over eighteen (18) years of age, and I am a resident of the State of New Jersey. On May 15, 2018, I served the within RESPONSE TO OMNIBUS DISCOVERY DEMANDS by depositing a true copy in a post-paid wrapper, in an official depository under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within New York State, addressed to each of the following persons at the last known address set forth after each name below:

TO: FERRO, KUBA, MANGANO, SKLYAR, P.C. Attention: Michael N. Manoklakis, Esq. Attorneys for Plaintiff Sonia Vargas 321 Broadway, Suite 400 New York, New York 10004 (212) 244 – 7676 File No.: P15431-15

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Charles T. Glaws

# AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

SS.:

Kristin Calzadilla-Rauss being duly sworn, deposes and says:

I am over 18 years of age, I am not a party to the action, and I reside in Suffolk County in the State of New York.

I served a true copy of the annexed

# NOTICE OF MOTION, MOTION - DECLARATION TO LIFT AUTOMATIC STAY, AND **EXHIBITS**

on January 12, 2023

by mailing the same in a sealed envelope, with postage prepaid thereon, in a post office or official depository of the U.S. Postal Service within the State of New York, addressed to the last known address of the addressee as indicated below:

WEIL, GOTSHAL & MANGES LLP Attorneys for Debtors and Debtors in Possession 767 Fifth Avenue New York, New York 10153

GRUVMAN, GIORDANO & GLAWS, LLP Attorneys for Defendant KMART CORPORATION 61 Broadway, Suite 2235 New York, New York 10006

LAW OFFICE OF KEITH J. CONWAY Attorney for Defendant ELIAS PROPERTIES BABYLON LLC 58 South Service Road, Suite 250 Melville, New York 11747

MAZZARA & SMALL, P.C.

Attorney for Defendant Geiger's Landscaping i/s/h/a

Greg Geiger's Landscaping and Snow Removal

1698 Roosevelt Avenue

Bohemia, New York 11716

Kristin Calzadilla-Rauss

Sworn to before me on January 12, 2023

Notary Public

Notary Public, State of New York

No. 01CA4809324

Qualified in Suffolk County Commission Expires on 06/30/201